

## **Overarching Working Group Recommendations to NZ Task Force**

*“Overarching” simply refers to recommendations that were common to all working groups and not specific to any one group*

### **1.0 CREATE FEEDBACK LOOP TO TRACK PROGRESS OVER TIME, EVALUATE & MAKE MID-COURSE CORRECTIONS AS NEEDED.**

**1.1 Adopt data platform** to create a baseline, develop projections of savings based on recommendations and track progress and effectiveness over time (evaluation will be ongoing).

**1.2 Appoint an entity that functions as a think tank and provides oversight** and accountability for implementing the program over time. Think tank would continue exploration, analysis and continuous learning. (Compact or CPAC might be appropriate)

### **2.0 ENGAGING UTILITY ISSUES**

**2.1 Address barriers to achieving energy goals:** includes interconnection, grid capacity, use of cogen/CHP, microgrid, emergency load shedding, reliability, etc. This includes engaging DPU, DOE, ISO NE and utilities.

**2.2. Develop new MOUs with utility:** to target specific outcomes in different sectors. City has already engaged in a new MOU targeting multifamily buildings. City will determine targets and priorities in other sectors and explore opportunities for additional MOUs.

### **3.0 EXPAND CAPACITY AND CAPABILITIES OF CITY STAFF & COMMUNITY OVER TIME**

**3.1 Identify staff needs and resources to support new programs over time:** develop the capacity and capabilities of staff in various departments responsible for implementation and create high visibility for these efforts.

**3.2 Identify any 3<sup>rd</sup> party resources needed:** to support program development and execution.

**3.3 Develop training/education programs for staff:** so they are best prepared to support new programs.

**3.4 Work with community to support education and resource needs** that build capacity to design, build and operate towards net zero  
*(the intention of this is to address the need for support outside of City staff, although it is unclear what the City's role would be)*

### **4.0 ENGAGE IN ADVOCACY AT THE REGIONAL AND FEDERAL LEVELS.**

**4.1 Formulate an advocacy agenda (and plan) to further the issues relating to clean energy:** these include a range of related issues from PACE financing to carbon tax programs and resiliency. Create a legislative and advocacy agenda that's collective, based on collaboration with BSA, MassBio, MAPC, and others. Partner with other cities for stronger leverage. (connect

w groups nationally that are promoting solar and lobbying NSEA) there's a district energy one as well. (CLF, ELM, NRDC)

## **5.0 EVALUATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A "CAMBRIDGE ENERGY ALLIANCE 3.0**

**5.1 New purpose for CAE:** Building on lessons learned, evaluate the potential of developing a new version of the Cambridge Energy Alliance to address cross-cutting needs identified in the working groups.